

SPRINGFIELD ELECTION.—At the city election in Springfield yesterday, Charles H. Wilson was elected Mayor and Harry C. Watson Clerk by handsome majorities. The fight was between the People's and Democratic tickets, portions of both of which were elected. Mr. Hay headed the Democratic ticket while Mr. Watson occupied the second place on the People's ticket.

It is reported to be believed that the people have already made their appearance in Southern Minnesota, and the only hope the people have for an escape is that coming to early they may be killed by a late frost, or starve to death before vegetation starts up.

The indications of another war between Prussia and France are not to be mistaken. Both governments have been increasing their armies, and making most extensive military preparations. Neither is satisfied with the result of the former war—France because she was terribly worsted, and Prussia because she did not punish France as severely as she might, and because the latter has recuperated in such a rapid and wonderful manner. The latest and most significant indication of approaching trouble is the semi-official announcement of a Berlin paper that France is getting ready to strike, and therefore Prussia must anticipate her action and get in the first blow. This probably means that Prussia is ready for the fray, and means to begin it. France is not ready, nor is it likely that she wants war at this time, or has indicated any purpose to begin it. If Prussia seeks or makes a pretext for another war she will occupy a very different position before the world from that she held in the former contest, and will have little claim on the sympathy of Christendom. Perhaps it will make no difference to her whether she has any outside sympathy or not, and probably she will give that matter no thought. But it is obvious that if she makes an unprovoked attack on France while the latter is still unprepared, the sympathies of the world will be with France. In the former war France was the aggressor, and expected to make easy work of her adversary. The sentiment of fair play was on the side of Prussia, and the sympathies of nearly all Americans, at least, were with her. But if Prussia becomes the bully and aggressor, and begins another war with the manifest purpose of taking France unawares and crushing her to the earth again, she will earn the contempt and execrations of Christendom.

THAT our impressions of the matchless stupidity of the Illinois legislature are not unreasonable may be fairly inferred from the singular occurrence of the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Times in the same opinion. Those papers, however, agree when they can help it, but in this case the facts are such as nobody can deny. The following extracts will serve as a sample of public opinion generally:

From the Times.

For unadulterated stupidity and unmitigated rowdiness, the Lower House of the Illinois General Assembly can distance all competitors. Scarcely a day passes but the members indulge in the foulest blackguardism of each other, accompanied by demonstrations of insubordination that would disgrace a common school. Payroll money goes to the hands of the most reckless and dissipated of the members, and the neighboring country appears to be a thing wholly unknown, common decency is a tradition that has but a vague existence among them. A few of the mongrel legislatures at the south, composed principally of uneducated negroes, have attained a degree of like character; but of late, since the negroes by association with gentlemen have imbibed a little culture, such scenes have become uncommon—in fact, are unknown. In short, as a failure, Haines is a pronounced success.

From the Tribune.

As the close of the session of the Illinois legislature draws near, Speaker Haines improves every opportunity of demonstrating his claim to the title of the worst spreading officer within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. His inability to prevent the daily recurrence of scenes of the most disgraceful disorder and confusion—the result, manifestly, of the contemptuous disregard which his course has inspired among the Democrats—and his persistent obstruction of legislation which is supposed to affect his private interests, together with his habit of having his own peculiar department of science. In short, as a failure, Haines is a pronounced success.

For Dyspepsia, General Debility and bad health you will find Dr. Dechton's Constitutional Restorative the most perfect cure you ever used. Use it by all means. For sale by Theo. Hildebrandt, Druggist, Decatur, Ill. [mar 25-wly]

INSTRUCTION IN NATURAL HISTORY.

Professor E. A. Gastman, Superintendent of Schools of Decatur and president of the School and College Association of Natural History, S. N. White, Principal of Peoria county Normal School, and C. C. Snyder, Superintendent of Schools in Freeport, have made arrangements for a meeting of the association above named, for the study of Botany and Zoology.

The meeting commences on the fourth of July at the museum of the association at Normal, Ill., and will continue until the eleventh of August. A sufficient number of microscopes and other appliances for the work of dissection have been secured.

Prof. T. J. Burrill, of the Illinois Industrial University, and Prof. S. A. Forbes, of the State Normal school, have been secured to conduct the former in structural and comparative botany, and the latter in comparative anatomy. Other competent instructors will be secured, whose names will be announced in due time.

The cost of the instruction to each pupil, as near as can be estimated, will be about ten dollars. The number of students has been limited to fifty, consequently those who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to study the branches indicated in the circular, should send to any of the persons named above as the originators of the scheme, before the first of June.

DON'T BLAME HIM.

A Good Word for Speaker Haines.

From the Monmouth Reporter.

Mr. Haines, Speaker of the House, is entitled to our commiseration. We are sorry for him. We take back all the hard things we have said of him. We have always sympathized with the "under dog" in the fight, and Mr. Haines has got to be that "under dog." He has been made to get down from his high pedestal from which he looked it over God's heritage. May be, though, that heritage belongs to the other man. We did not sympathize with him when he was the big wolf in the legislative fold and had things all his own way, and when his followers would bark when he said bow-wow, to the great discomfort of the few honest men in the legislature. That was his "dog's day." But sadly have the times changed, so far as the gentleman is concerned. He is now rejected and despised of men, and there are none of his confederates so low as to do him reverence. The Democrats have become disgusted with the bargain they made when they bought him. He is too stale and corrupt even for their use. In fact, he has become a stench in their nostrils, and a burden so great as to endanger the Democratic camel's back. To the Independent he is a bitter dose, and they spew him out of their mouths. The members all abuse him. Even James Connelly, a Republican from Coles county, a few days ago, made him stop his noise, a feat never before accomplished. "Shut up," thundered Connelly. "Sit down, and hear what I have to say," and the old gentleman did sit down. The report says he "squatted." "What a fall was there, my countrymen." Look at the picture. The great Haines, aspirant for the office of Governor, Independent and Coalition Speaker of the Twentieth General Assembly of the Sovereign State of Illinois, "squating" to the command of a Republican from the obscure county of Coles, away down in Egypt. Had he "squatted" to the command of Armstrong, or Cummings, or Merritt, or any other "old liner," it would have been different. As it was, it was dreadful. And then, on the top of that, as though his humiliation was not full enough, the Democrats—the men who have bought him and own him—are looking up precedents to see if they can out him, body and breeches, from the Speakership. It is too bad. We are sorry for him. Our bowels of commiseration are moving for him. And then, he is not to blame. To be sure he is not to blame. He has wallowed in political nastiness until he is bedaubed all over, but he couldn't help it. That is the way he was made. It is the nature of the "critter." The cunningness he is manifesting—from day to day was put in him when he was made, and he is chuck full of it. It is his meat and drink. If he couldn't be cussed, he couldn't be anything. Why blame him for what he can't help? You should not forget to do it, gentlemen. Throw your mantle of charity over him, as we do now, and let him rip. That was what we say.

RAPHAEL SEMMES, the pirate of the Alabama, who styles himself Admiral, has written a long letter to the Mobile Register, in which he expresses his disgust that the State of Alabama should have anything to do with the Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia, while he and others of her sons are under political "disability." Semmes indulges in a good deal of that terrible topicalness of expression which passes for eloquence in the Gulf States, but the editor of the Register, John Forsyth, rebel as he is, cannot see the force of the objections.

Parson Brownlow is making a pretty good paper for an old man, but the day has gone by when he can take a villainous visitor by the ear and dance around the room with him.

TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.
(Reported Exclusively for the Daily Republican.)

U. S. Soldiers Going to the Black Hills.

BELIEF THAT MRS. TILTON WILL TESTIFY.

Severe Snow Storm at the East.

FIRE AT EFFINGHAM.

Other Items of Home and Foreign News.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 12.—By invitation of General Penningback, the Federal commandant at this post, Governor Porter, an ex-Confederate officer, reviewed the troops at Ash Baracks yesterday afternoon. The navy of the scene attracted a crowd of between 5,000 and 8,000 people to the grounds. On the appearance of Governor Porter and his civilian staff the band struck up "Hail to the Chief," followed by a national air, creating a great deal of enthusiasm. The event was looked upon most auspiciously by everybody present.

LONDON, April 12.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Lewis asked what course the government would take if the independence of Belgium was imperiled in consequence of her rejection of Prussia's demands. Disraeli replied that there had been great misrepresentation and exaggeration in this matter. The Prussian note was not a menace; it was only a remonstrance. No rejoinder was had to Belgium's and he believed the question was concluded. Germany had shown her cordiality for England by her communication. Disraeli declared that were Belgium's neutrality really threatened Her Majesty's government were prepared to sustain their sovereignty, and would not fear to meet Parliament.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., April 12.—Sunday morning a fire broke out on Main street, in Effingham, Illinois, destroying some of the best business blocks of the town. One hardware store was among those burned, and the rest consisted principally of grocery and dry goods stores.

The burglar is abroad in the land. Lee & Murphy's store was robbed of goods to the amount of \$85 Sunday night, and on Sunday morning Earnest Lillienkamp's store was burglarized, a saloon-keeper named Cronin had \$100 worth of jewelry stolen from his house.

NEW YORK, April 13.—A severe snow storm prevailed here all day and still continues this evening. Dispatches from different parts of the State say the snow has fallen to the depth of 9 inches. The storm extended to Baltimore and Washington.

The Tribune says, probably no objection will be made to the reception of Mrs. Tilton's testimony, which defense will probably offer next week. Mr. Morris yesterday said the plaintiff's counsel would probably not object to the reception of her testimony. Beecher's testimony will doubtless close this week. Cleveland or Mrs. Tilton may then be called.

The cross-examination of Mr. Beecher began yesterday.

OMAHA, April 13.—Six companies of cavalry and two of infantry have been ordered from the railroad to the base of the Black Hills as an escort to Mr. Jaeney, Government geologist, who will make a survey of that country. He expects to leave Fort Laramie on the 15th. The government is promptly apprised of the many expeditions of miners into this country, and is prepared for them. Letters from the Red Cloud Agency show that the Indians are fully aware of all that is being done in the matter, and are much excited over it. The head soldiers, who are really more powerful than the chiefs, are favorably inclined to disposing of the country lying between the two Cheyenne rivers for a good round consideration. In the event of the purchase the head soldiers will insist on the reservation being removed to the head of Tongue river at the head of the Big Horn mountains. The Indians are exceedingly anxious that a large number of their head chiefs and soldiers should go to Washington and see the President and be pleased that an agent has been ordered to take them to Washington.

A GENTLEMAN in Alton, by the name of M. L. Alford, in sending out circulars through the country announcing that "Christ is coming in April, 1875." This is certainly rather startling news, for although the great mass of Christians have been praying in all the past ages, that Christ's Kingdom might come, yet we doubt if there are many who are prepared to have their prayer answered, literally. Mr. Alford has the figures, however, to prove what he says to be true, and it is an old adage that "figures won't lie," although the repeated failures that have been made in the predictions regarding the

second coming of Christ abundantly show that those who use them may and often do lie—under a mistake. Shows Mr. Alford, be right, however, may will, no doubt, blame him, because he did not sound the alarm sooner, and give the people more time for preparation. And yet why should they blame him? If an angel should appear in the heavens and announce the coming Messiah, it is hardly probable that the great mass of the people would believe him, and much less would they believe a man who depends upon figures rather than communications from the other world, to sustain his predictions.

Notwithstanding the notice that he has given, we venture the assertion that should Christ come during the present month, everybody will be taken by surprise. The fact is the people generally judge of the future by the past. The world has shown a decided disposition in the past to wag on in the same old way, and the public belief is that it will continue to do so for centuries to come, and when the final catastrophe shall come, if it comes at all, the world will still be found unprepared, in spite of warnings, predictions and signs—Bloomington Leader.

The Cairo Bulletin referring to the charge of the Carlinville Enquirer that Speaker Haines "made up the Revenue Committee of the House for the purpose of defeating any legislation for the benefit of a debt-afflicted Macoupin county," concedes that the Speaker "has been unfortunate in some of his Committees," and sympathetically adds:

Even a Granger Speaker is not infallible, and of course Speaker Haines has contributed to the advantage of monopolies—railroads, banks, stock yards, life insurance companies, etc., by mistake.

THE New Orleans Picayune, discussing the present financial condition of the South, says: "In three years the cotton crop of the South has yielded 11,750,000 bales, of the estimated value of \$725,000,000. The value of the crops for the three years preceding the war was \$534,000,000. Yet, notwithstanding this large increase, the Picayune says that the cotton States are every year growing deeper and deeper into debt. As a partial remedy, it suggests the diversification of the crops, so that the planter may have more for his personal support and that of his employees, and less need for expenditure on this account.

Excursion Tickets from Quincy to Denver, Colorado.

For the benefit of health and pleasure seekers, and all those wishing to go West, the "Old Reliable," the Central and Great Northern, have placed on sale round trip tickets, from Quincy to Denver and return, good for three months from date of issue, at greatly reduced rates.

This popular route is acknowledged by all to be the best equipped and best man, aged road west of the Mississippi River, running the finest Pullman Cars in the world on all day express trains, and Pullman's Palace Drawing Room Sleeping Cars on all night trains.

All express trains are equipped with the Westinghouse Patent Air Brake and Miller Patent Safety Platform and Coupler.

The best possible condition, and a large portion of it having recently been re-laid with STEEL RAILS. Iron and stone bridges have taken the place of wood, and all other improvements conducive to the safety and comfort of its passengers have been adopted.

For any further information in regard to rates, time, etc., please apply to:

E. A. PARKER, Gen. Pass. Ag't,
H. & St. Jo R. R., Hannibal, Mo.

COLORADO EXCURSIONS.

Go West Through St. Louis.

During the summer season, the Missouri Pacific and Kansas Pacific Through Lines, via St. Louis and Kansas City, will sell Excursion Tickets from St. Louis to Denver and Return, good ninety days from date of sale, at extremely low rates, thus affording every one an excellent opportunity to visit the famous resorts of Colorado, among the beautiful Parks of the Rocky Mountains.

To all who are seeking new homes in or about the State of Colorado, the Kansas Pacific, Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska, Oregon, or California, we recommend a cheap, safe, quick and direct route by way of St. Louis, over the Missouri Pacific Through Line. It is equipped with the Day Coaches, Buck's Reclining Chair Cars, Pullman's Palace Sleepers, the famous Miller Safety Platform, and the celebrated Westinghouse Air-Brake, and runs direct from St. Louis to principal points in the West without change. The Texas connection of this road is now completed, and passengers are offered a first class all-rail route from St. Louis to Texas, either over the Missouri, Kansas & Texas R. R., via Sedalia, or over the Texas & Pacific R. R., via Vinita.

For full information in regard to Colorado Excursions, or trips to any point in the West, address or call upon either of the following named Agents of the Line: J. P. Thompson, 157, Exchange street, Buffalo, N. Y.; S. H. Thompson, Union Depot, Columbus, Ohio; or E. A. Ford, General Passenger Agent, at South Fourth street, St. Louis, Mo. Questions will be cheerfully and promptly answered.

Jan 17-ly

Catarth.—If you have nasal catarrh you will find Dr. Dechton's Infallible Cure for Catarth of the head more valuable than all other remedies combined. It is an infallible cure and never disappoints the patient when resorted to before he is utterly ruined. Do not pass this great Cure as one of the humbugs of the day, whilst your life is being sacrificed by a loathsome and mortal disease. The remedy is a recent discovery and is destined to prove of infinite value to those who suffer from this terrible malady. A malignancy is neglected only by Cancer. The remedy should be used by Cancer. Dr. Dechton's Compound Nasal Injector. For sale by Theo. Hildebrandt, Druggist, Decatur, Ill. [m25-wly]

New Advertisements.

OPERA HOUSE!

Monday and Tuesday
April 10th and 20th.

DR. HEALEY'S HIBERNIAN GEMS!

85 Beautiful Views 85

OLD IRELAND,

Showing her beautiful cities and churches, magnificent ruins and every place of interest in the Emerald Isle, faithfully and truthfully portrayed by the

Irish Comedy Company.

Headed by Ireland's own Comedian. Mr. Dan Morris, An Barney the Guide and Dublin Dan. Miss Rose O'Reilly, Erin's Favorite Songster. Miss Nora Morris, The Dear Little Shamrock. The Beautiful Little Irish Colleen. Mrs. Richard Devlin, Character Actor and Vocalist. Master Clarence Reilly, Song and Dance Wonder. Prof. White, Musical Director. Dr. John E. Henry, Lecturer and Tourist. Making one of the most enjoyable Irish Entertainments ever given in this city.

ADMISSION—50 cents; Children, 25 cents. No extra charge for Reserved Seats. Reserved Seats for sale at W. R. Abbott's Jewelry Store.

MATINEE TUESDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Dr. JOHN F. HEALEY, Sole Prop'r.
J. T. Moore's Business Manager,
April 10th.

OPERA HOUSE!

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

FRIDAY, APRIL 16th.

LEW JOHNSON'S PLANTATION MINSTRELS!

The Only Original Slave Troupe

NOW TRAVELLING!

4 END MEN 4

4 SONG AND DANCE MEN 4

—AND A—

FINE QUARTETTE.

ADMISSION—50 cents; Children, 25 cents. Reserved Seats for sale at Abbott's Jewelry Store. G. G. LEWIS, Business Agent, April 12-4th.

C. A. FOSTER, TEACHER OF

PIANO, ORGAN

HARMONY!

For terms apply to, or address me personally, at North Second street, at 4th.

Office—At P. T. Locke's Music Store, No. 26 Mercantile street, Decatur, Ill. April 12-4th.

American Wash Blue,

For Laundry and Household Use.

MANUFACTURED AT THE

American Ultramarine Works,

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY.

Our Wash Blue is the best in the world. It does not streak, contains nothing injurious to health or fabric, and is used by all large laundries in preference to all other brands, because of its purity, ingenuity and cheapness. Superior for white washing. Put up in packages convenient for family use. Price 50 cents each.

For sale by grocers everywhere. Always ask for the American Wash Blue. If you want the cheapest and best.

American Ultramarine Works, Office, 72 William St., New York. April 12-4th.

KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO

Silver Gloss Starch,

For the Laundry.

T. KINGSFORD & SON,

THE BEST STARCH IN THE WORLD.

GIVES A BEAUTIFUL FINISH TO THE LINEN, and the difference between it and common starch is scarcely half a cent for an ordinary washing. Ask your Grocer for it.

KINGSFORD'S OSWEGO CORN STARCH

For Puddings, Blanc Mange, Ice Cream, Etc.

Is the original—Established in 1848. And preserves its reputation as "PUREST, STRONGEST and MOST ECONOMICAL" than any other article of the kind of, great, either of the family name or with other titles.

STEVENSON MACADAM, Ph. D., & Co., the highest chemical authority of Europe, carefully analyzed this Corn Starch and says it is a most excellent article of diet and is equal to the best arrow root.

Directions for making Puddings, Custards, &c., accompany each one pound package. For Sale by all First-Class Grocers. April 12-4th.

"The Best Thing in the West."

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe RAILROAD.

LANDS IN KANSAS.

3,000,000 ACRES

Of the best Farming and Agricultural Lands in America, situated in the best near the beautiful Cottonwood and Great Arkansas valleys, the garden of the West, on—

SPECIALTIES.

HAYS & BRUCE

SEE OUR NEW SPRING PRINTS.

SEE OUR NEW SPRING CHINTZ, at 15c.

SEE OUR NEW EUGEN, at 15c.

SEE OUR ELEGANT EMBROIDERIES, (Beautiful patterns and very cheap.)

See the Inducements we are offering.

TABLE LINENS, TOWELS, NAPKINS, CRASHES

&c., &c., &c.

We bought largely, in January, of Bleached and Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Checks, Cheviots, &c. The goods are in, and we will give you the benefit of JANUARY PRICES ON THEM.

We have another Case of the same BLACK ALPACAS and MOHAIRS, the BEST GOODS THAT WERE EVER IN THE CITY FOR THE PRICE. Do not fail to see them.

We will take pleasure in showing you.

HAYS & BRUCE.

March 16, 1875-dawit.

NEW SPRING GOODS

S. EINSTEIN

Has returned with new

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

Of the very latest styles. He has taken especial pains in selecting his stock of Spring Goods, consisting of

DRESS GOODS,

BLACK ALPACAS,

PLAIN AND COLORED SILKS, (All shades.)

—New shade of—

LUSTERS!

Also, a full line of

TRIMMING SILKS.

Our stock of WHITE GOODS, MARSEILLES, PERCALES, cannot be surpassed in any market. We also have a full line of Notions; latest styles of Ladies' and Gents' TIES, RUCHES, RIBBONS, in plaid, plain and embroidered.

A complete line of HOSIERY for Ladies and Gents.

A full line of CORSETS, from 50c up.

He invites all to call and examine his Stock. He will offer extra inducements for the next Thirty Days, in all Departments. By calling, you will see he is determined not to be undersold.

DO NOT FORGET THE PLACE:

No. 21 NORTH WATER STREET.

March 26, 1875-dawit.

KEYSTONE CARRIAGE WORKS!

WAYNE BROTHERS,

MANUFACTURERS OF

CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES,

PEDDLING AND SPRING WAGONS.

OLD STAND OF DANIEL GAHAN,

Corner Water and Cerro Cordo-Sts.

PLATFORM CARRIAGES built to order, PONY PHETONS, PRINCE ALBERTS, PIANOS and COAL BOX BUGGIES, SULKY and LIGHT ROAD WAGONS, of all kinds. Always up to the time, and guaranteed at work to be first-class. All kinds of

Sleighs Made to Order!

FANCY PAINTING A SPECIALTY.

November 17, 1873. d&w-3m.

SPECIAL.

A. A. COOPER

—IS OFFERING—

New Spring Goods!

VERY CHEAP.

His stock of Bleached and Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, Prints, Table Linens, (Turkey, Damask and Napkins to match), Crashes, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Drills, Shirting, Checks and Cheviots, Ginghams, and Dress Goods of all kinds.

LOOK AT OUR SIXTY CENT FRENCH CORSET!

A FULL LINE OF

ALL KINDS OF NOTIONS.

The motto of this House is:—THE LOWEST PRICES IN THE MARKET FOR THE QUALITY. Call and see if this is not true.

NO. 24 MERCANT STREET.

March 11, 1875-d&w-3m

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will not be subscribed in any part of the State where the paper is delivered for less than \$1.00 per week. Local Notices will be inserted at the rate of 10 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Time advertisements will be given at special rates. Applications to the office.

TO DAILY SUBSCRIBERS

Subscriptions to "The Daily Republican" will be collected every 15 days. The places where the paper is delivered for less than \$1.00 per week. Local Notices will be inserted at the rate of 10 cents per line for each subsequent insertion. Time advertisements will be given at special rates. Applications to the office.

CITY DEPARTMENT

Choice syrups at Niedermeyer's. Best fine-cut in the city at 10c. A. A. Barnes, the issue is having his house on North street, repaired, so as to give it its appearance.

Take your second-hand furniture to Stoy & Bishop, who pay the cash price.

